

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION to commemorate the life of former State Senator William F. Justice.

WEATHERWAX, LANDSKE

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SENATE RESOLUTION

MR. PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

A SENATE RESOLUTION to commemorate the life of former State Senator William F. Justice.

Whereas, Senator William Justice, born on August 2, 1914, and deceased September 5, 1996, was a lifelong resident of Cass County, Indiana;

Whereas, known as "The Gentleman Farmer from Logansport," Senator Justice was the first breeder of Red Angus cattle in the entire State of Indiana;

Whereas, Senator Justice translated his success as a farmer into a successful agri-business career, having served as President of the Farm Bureau Oil Company and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Indiana Farm Bureau Co-Op from 1953 to 1977, acting as that Board's President from 1971 to 1977;

Whereas, demonstrating his commitment to higher education, Senator Justice also served on the Board of Trustees of the Indiana Vocational Technical College as former Governor Otis Bowen's appointee;

Whereas, Senator Justice's official political life began when he was elected as a Clinton Township Republican Precinct Committeeman, a position he held for over 50 years, and included a stint as the Vice Chairman of the Cass County

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Republican Party;

Whereas, his local political activity eventually culminated in his election to the Indiana State Senate in 1980, where he went on to serve two terms before retiring from the Senate in 1988;

Whereas, during both of his terms of office, Senator Justice served as chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and was regarded as a man who "came into the General Assembly not to be someone, but to do something," and was always known to keep the needs of his district foremost in his mind;

Whereas, among his many honors and achievements, Senator Justice was awarded a Sagamore of the Wabash and was named an Honorary Kentucky Colonel. He was also a Third Degree Mason and a member of the Scottish Rite;

Whereas, the success that Senator Justice enjoyed during his life and distinguished career was due in no small part to his family, including his loving and devoted wife Paulita, who still lives on the century old farm where she and Senator Justice lived and worked, and their three children, Wilson Justice, Mary Justice Lavender and Jane Justice Miller, who is now deceased;

Whereas, Senator Justice was truly an asset to all the people of the State of Indiana in general and a worthy representative of the residents of Cass County in particular: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

SECTION 1. That the Indiana State Senate, on behalf of the People of the State of Indiana, does hereby commemorate the life of Indiana State Senator William F. Justice and his contributions to our great State.

SECTION 2. That the Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed



to transmit a copy of the Resolution to Paulita Justice; their two surviving children, Wilson Justice and Mare Lavender; their son-in-law John Miller and to each of their seven grandchildren.

